

## ***Report 13 November 2007***

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### **Morning Session**

#### ***Globalisation and the Political Economy***

David Legge led this session reviewing the entire world global economic system and its evils in a dashing and refreshing style. This was not your average economics class –while discussions included an introduction to Bretton Woods organizations and the hegemony of the IMF and World Bank, there was also the domination of The Empire (US and It's Henchmen) and the inside story of Three Things Jeffrey Sach's Got Wrong. It could've been depressing – but it went on to include the buoyant interventions of the World Social Forum, and how the WTO is slowly swinging to meet the agenda of Developing Nations.

#### ***Country Groups***

We then met in country groups to discuss how we could apply lessons and ideas from this course when we return to our homes. We measured how these discussions went by a display of fingers – five marked an excellent discussion and outcomes, zero marked a complete waste of time and other scores marked the spectrum between.

The following scores were the average given by country group members:

India	3.5	n=8
Africa	4.75	n=5
Bangladesh	3.9	n=13
South East Asia	5	n=3
South America	5	n=2
Europe	4	n=4

### **Afternoon Session**

Lessons from Jan Swasthiya Abhiyan After lunch, Premdas, Tej Ram and Ameer Khan from India gave a joint presentation entitled 'Learning from the Jan Swasthya Abhiyan (Indian People's Health Movement)'. Premdas outlined the history of the JSA from the First National Health Assembly in November 2000 to the Second National Health Assembly (NHA2) in March 2007, and the structure of the JSA as a network of 21 networks and over 1000 organisations. The IPHU participants asked many questions about the activities of the JSA and its achievements over 7 years. Then Tej Ram presented a critique of the National Rural Health Mission and explained the People's Rural Health Watch, one JSA activity he has been organising in JSA Rajasthan. Ameer

Khan talked about his experience of rejuvenating and strengthening the JSA network in Tamil Nadu during 2006 -7 through two campaigns that were carried out in almost all districts: public health system monitoring by JSA member organisations and preparation for NHA2. Finally, lessons for the People's Health Movement in other countries were drawn out through a question-and-answer session. JSA has used many tools to build and strengthen its network, and has successfully brought together a large number of diverse organisations to influence policy and raise people's awareness of their health rights. Ultimately it has brought health issues onto the political agenda. As a supportive evidence for PHM India's presentation David Legge presented comparative statistics of few countries on the government expenditure in health.

### **Last afternoon session**

David completed the afternoon session with a completion of the globalisation and health lecture. He explained the SAP's agenda which includes, putting pressure on the government to reduce the Govt expenditure, reduce subsidies on food and health care, increase the export firms, in agriculture it demands a shift from traditional crops to export (based on the demand in US and Europe) crops, reduce the duty on import goods and necessary steps to maintain the dollar values.

### ***Class feedback on the day overall***

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We stood in a line to mark how useful today had been for us – and then gave comments about why we had located ourselves there. Comments included

“I can't understand a word of the Indian accent – they are talking too fast.”

“Before this session I thought that globalization meant the spread of technology and internet – now I realize globalization is a much wider thing that impacts us every day.”

“I'm standing in the middle because the course is still just starting – as we gather speed I'll move to the EXCELLENT corner.”